

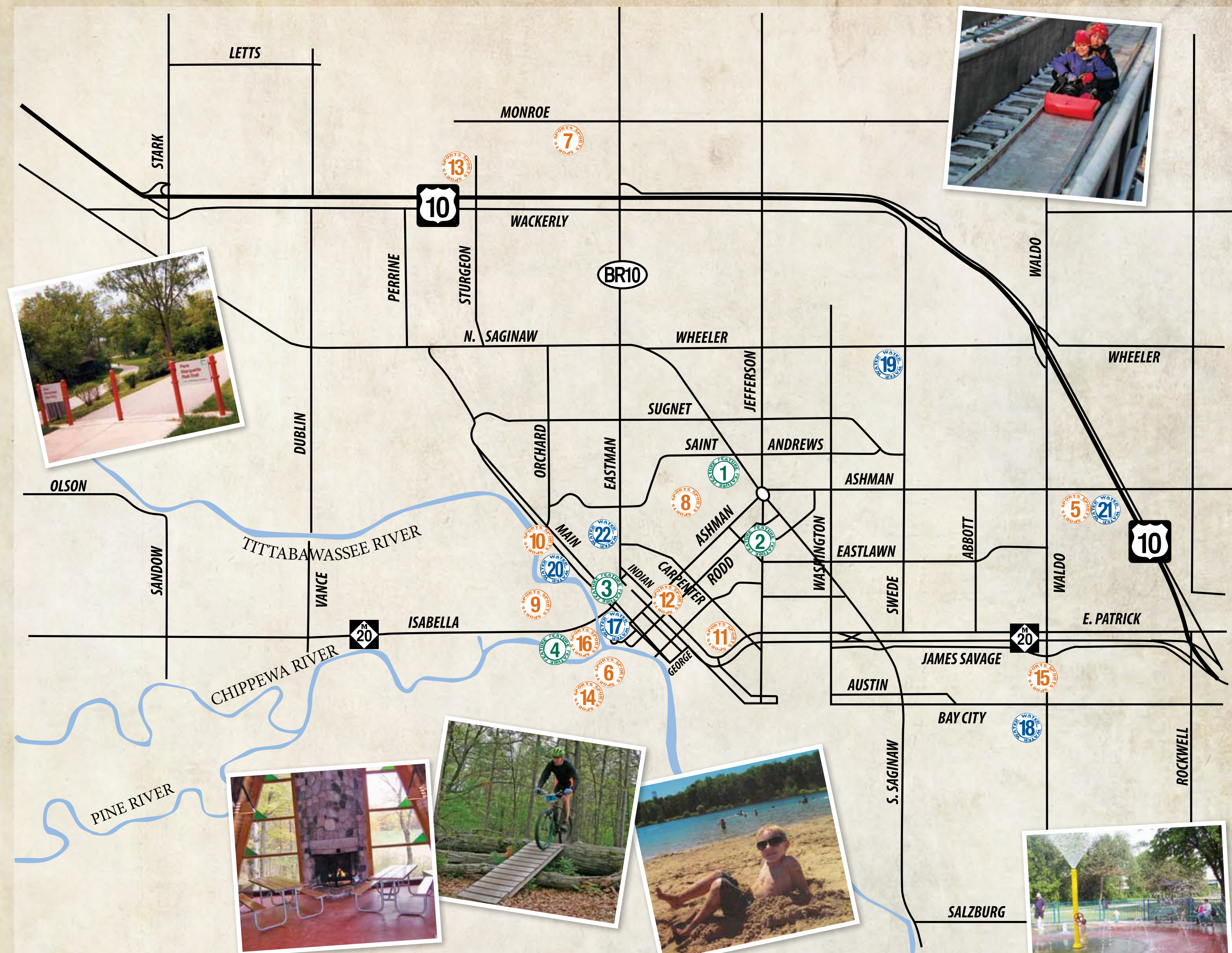
Discover Midland's hidden treasures...







**PARKS**  
Midland  
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## Welcome to the City of Midland's Parks Preview!

The City of Midland Parks and Recreation invites you to explore our unique and exciting parks. With over 80 parks in Midland we have something for everyone. From biking along the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail to enjoying the water features at our two spray parks or playing softball in one of our many athletic parks, a day of fun is easy to find in Midland's parks. With parks dotted throughout the city, there is sure to be one near you. Take this opportunity to venture someplace new or to revisit an old favorite. The parks are out there...now it's up to you to find these hidden treasures!

### RESERVE A SHELTER OR PICNIC AREA

Let the Midland Parks and Recreation Department assist you with a pavilion rental for your next reunion, graduation, birthday, company picnic or other social event. Our park shelters, found throughout beautiful Midland, provide a unique setting for any event as well as a low-cost alternative to bringing friends and family together in the out-of-doors. Reservations are accepted each year beginning the second Monday in January. For more details, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 989-837-6930 or e-mail us at [recreation@midland-mi.org](mailto:recreation@midland-mi.org) with specific details of your request.

Shelters and picnic areas are available for rental from April 15 through October 15 and can be used by residents and non-residents. Shelters are equipped with tables, grills, electricity and nearby restrooms. Unsheltered picnic areas are equipped with tables, grills and electricity.



### RESERVE THE CITY FOREST CHALET

The City Forest Chalet provides a beautiful wooded setting available for rental from April 15 – October 15. The chalet accommodates 56 people and is equipped with picnic tables, electricity, a food service area, an open deck, grills, a gas fireplace and restrooms. To reserve the chalet please contact Parks and Recreation.

### PICNIC KITS

Picnic kits are available for patrons who reserve a shelter or picnic area. Each kit contains various play equipment for your outdoor enjoyment. To reserve a kit, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

### LEISURE TIME AND LEISURE TIME LIVE

For more information on program offerings, please check out *Leisure Time*, our seasonal Parks and Recreation publication. Copies of *Leisure Time* can be mailed, picked up at the Parks and Recreation Department located at 4811 N. Saginaw Rd. or viewed on the City's website at [www.midland-mi.org/recreation](http://www.midland-mi.org/recreation). In addition, Parks and Recreation also offers an electronic newsletter, *Leisure Time Live!* To register for this publication, please visit our website.

### PARK RULES

Below you will find a partial list of park rules. For the complete listing, please visit our website at [www.midland-mi.org/recreation](http://www.midland-mi.org/recreation) or contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

1. Park hours are from 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
2. Permission from the Public Services Director is required for amplified sound.
3. Beer and wine (no liquor) are permitted in most parks.
4. Fires are only permitted in grills, stoves, fireplaces or other suitable containers.
5. To respect and preserve City Forest land, off-road vehicles are not permitted.
6. Dogs must be kept under reasonable control and picked up after by their owners.

## There are four categories to Midland parks:



**FEATURE PARKS**



**SPORTS PARKS**



**WATER FEATURE PARKS**



**NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

## Find us on the Web!

For information on city parks, amenities, events, activities, or programs, please visit our website at [www.midland-mi.org/recreation](http://www.midland-mi.org/recreation). Here you can download a full-color picnicking brochure complete with amenities. You can also access additional park information through the City's interactive map, located at [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org). Using a simple parks search tool, you can obtain details on all city parks such as location and an aerial view of the property. Midland Parks and Recreation also has a Facebook Page that provides up-to-date information and announcements. [www.facebook.com/midlandparksrecreation](http://www.facebook.com/midlandparksrecreation)





# FEATURE PARKS

## 1 BARSTOW WOODS PARK

Located at 505 West St. Andrews at the intersection of Saginaw and St. Andrews. Barstow Woods is a 24.9 acre natural wooded area with trails that can be used year-round. In the winter, the paths are perfect for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. During the warmer months, walkers, runners and hikers frequent the trails. This natural area is a great place to watch the spring bloom or fall color change.

Barstow Woods Park is the perfect place for a special event with a picnic shelter available for reservation. The shelter offers picnic tables, grill and a restroom. This three acre portion of the park has plenty of open space and play equipment. You can easily access Barstow Woods Park from Manor Drive with parking access on Saginaw Road.

## 2 CENTRAL PARK

Located at 515 West Collins at the intersection of Rodd and Collins. This 18 acre park has plenty to offer. Central Park is the home of the Ted Nicholson band shell. The park also boasts playground equipment, benches and four newly refurbished tennis courts.

## 3 CENTRAL PARK TENNIS COURTS

The Central Park Tennis Courts were refurbished in the summer of 2010 with assistance from the Midland Community Tennis Center and feature both adult and kid-sized courts. The Midland Community Tennis Center, in partnership with Midland Parks and Recreation, offers a variety of tennis programs for youth and adults. Contact Midland Parks and Recreation for more information.

## 4 NED S. ARBURY CENTENNIAL PARK

Located at the intersection of Main and Ripley just north of M-20. Centennial Park is a tribute to the Dow Chemical Company's relationship with the Midland community. Upon entering the park, visitors will pass under the "Centennial Passage." This sculpture, created by Neil Goodman, symbolizes the interwoven history of Dow Chemical and the City of Midland. Visitors may also view "Midland, the City of Modern Explorers," a bronze casting done by Corrado Joseph Paducci. Residents will love the quiet beauty of this artistic park.



## 4 CHIPPEWASSEE PARK

Located west of the confluence of the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers at the end of Ashman Street. Access the park by crossing the Tridge or by using Golfside Drive off Currie Parkway. Chippewassee Park is a 35 acre recreational area that has something for all seasons. In the winter months, its size makes it a great place for cross country skiing. During warm weather, the park is one of the most popular in the city. It has a large picnic shelter that is available for rental. Picnic tables and grills are provided for use. The park has play equipment appropriate for children of all ages, huge open fields and paved trails. Chippewassee Park is also home to the Trilogy Skate Park and the Dog Park. Chippewassee Park is known for its festivals and community events held during the summer including Riverdays and the Fourth of July, as it is a favorite location from which to watch Midland's fireworks.

## 4 MIDLAND DOG PARK

Located at the westerly edge of Chippewassee Park near the Trilogy Skate Park. Midland's Dog Park is approximately four acres in size and has a combination of wooded and open areas where dogs can run free. There are two separate areas, with separate entrances for small and large dogs. Just beyond the fence is a wooded area along the river for dogs to enjoy off-leash activities. A water faucet (during the warm weather months) and various agility stations are provided to make your pet's visit more enjoyable. Canine waste bags are provided for use at the park. Please note that dog owners must be in control of their pets, and must clean up waste from their dogs. The park is open from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.



## 5 BMX BIKE TRACK

Since 2005 youth have been experiencing BMX racing at its finest! The track is open daily from 8:00 a.m. until dusk (April – October), weather permitting. Helmets and protective gear are recommended. On Tuesday evenings the track is host to National Bicycle League (NBL) sanctioned races. All ages and abilities are welcome. Bring family and friends and cheer them on. For more information on league sanctioned races visit the NBL web site at [www.mibmx.com](http://www.mibmx.com).

## 6 CHIPPEWA BANKS DISC GOLF COURSE

Located at 534 Towsley at the intersection of Whitman and Towsley. This course offers fun for beginning and experienced disc golfers and is open year-round from sunrise to sunset. Rules of the game are posted on the course. No reservations are necessary and there is no cost to play. Download your scorecard on the City of Midland's website, [www.midland-mi.org/recreation](http://www.midland-mi.org/recreation). The scorecard includes a layout of the rustic course and provides distance information for each hole.

## 7 CITY FOREST

Located at 2840 East Monroe, 1/4 mile west of Eastman. City Forest is comprised of 520 acres of hardwoods and pines and is perfect for year-round outdoor activities. During the winter, City Forest is best known for its four iced toboggan runs, cross country ski trails, outdoor skating rink and large sled hill available for public use. The toboggan runs are available for use during winter hours of operation (weather permitting). The sled hill is available for sledding at your own risk and is lighted for night use. Sorry, no steel runner sleds or snow boards are allowed. The Forest provides 11 kilometers of groomed trails perfect for cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Trails range from beginner to advanced levels. Visitors can complete their winter trip to the Forest with a snack and a cup of hot chocolate in the chalet during hours of operation. Once the snow melts, the fun doesn't stop at City Forest. The chalet is available for rental from April 15 through October 15. The forest itself becomes a popular area for nature lovers. The many miles of cross country ski trails are a great place for a nature hike or jog. In addition, there are 13 miles of mountain biking trails that are open year-round. With plenty of steep hills, twists and turns, these trails provide an exciting ride even for



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experienced riders. There is also a mountain biking skills development area available for riders to hone their mountain biking abilities.

## 8 CURRIE-BENNETT PARK

Located at 910 Helen on the corner of Helen and Noeske, 1/2 mile east of Eastman. Approximately one half of Currie-Bennett's 4.5 acres is made up of open fields. The other half features a sandlot softball field. Restrooms and play equipment are available.

## 9 CURRIE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Located at 1300 Currie Parkway between Main and M-20. Currie Municipal Golf Course provides ample play for golfers at all skill levels with three beautiful courses at reasonable prices. The Par 3 is a 9-hole, short course ideal for beginning players. Currie East is a traditional 18-hole course. Currie West is an 18-hole course designed by Jerry Mathews and is intended for advanced players. Golfers also have the option of using the Currie driving range. Currie boasts a beautiful clubhouse featuring a full-service pro shop, lounge area and snack bar. The clubhouse is available for group rental during the off-season. Currie Golf Course is open for play April 1 to October 31, dawn until dusk, seven days a week. For tee time reservations or information about golf leagues or lessons, please call 989-839-9600 or visit the website at [www.curriegolf.com](http://www.curriegolf.com).

## 10 EMERSON PARK

Located at 911 West Main just west of Currie Parkway. Emerson Park is a 50 acre park that has a multitude of amenities to keep visitors of all ages entertained. Emerson Park has a reputation for offering some of the best softball in Michigan, attributed to its central feature, Currie Stadium, and its three premiere softball fields. Softball is just one of many sports available at Emerson. The park is home to a regulation size hockey rink, complete with nets and night lighting. The rink is flooded in the winter for hockey and available in the summer for in-line skating. Visitors will also find horseshoe pits along with shuffleboard courts which are available on a first come, first serve basis (patrons must use their own equipment). A lighted sand volleyball court is available for public use. A paved path runs along the Tittabawassee River, perfect for bikers, runners or in-line skaters. Restrooms and drinking fountains are available. In addition, three picnic shelters and five picnic areas are available for reservation. Children are sure to enjoy the open play fields and play equipment featured in this park.

## 11 FOURNIE PARK

Located at 806 Fournie on Patrick, 1/4 mile west of Jefferson. This 2.1 acre park features open space for soccer and other field sports. Also available at this location is accessible play equipment.



# WATER PARKS

## 17 GERSTACKER SPRAY PARK

Located at 100 Ashman near the Farmer's Market, Tridge and Pere Marquette Rail-Trail in downtown Midland. Wear your suit and let the Gerstacker Spray Park spray, sprinkle and splash your summertime blues away. This park features a number of waterspouts for children to have fun and cool off. The facility opened in 2002 and has quickly become popular with children of all ages. Water shoes are recommended as surfaces may be slippery. Water features are motion activated and operate dawn until dusk from June 1 – October 1.

## 18 LONGVIEW SPRAY PARK

Located at 401 Lemke, near the intersection of Bay City Road and Waldo. This spray park features dumping buckets and spouts of water for children to enjoy on hot summer days. Water shoes are recommended as surfaces may be slippery. Water features are motion activated and operate dawn until dusk June 1 – October 1.

## 19 PLYMOUTH PARK

Located at 1508 East Wheeler. As one of Midland's largest developed parks at 40 acres, Plymouth Park provides amenities to keep the whole family busy. Plymouth is known for the Fun Zone, a 16,000 square foot wooden community-built playground. From musical instruments, to games, to tic-tac-toe, the Fun Zone provides more than the traditional swings and slides. Located next to the Fun Zone is a large picnic pavilion which can be reserved. There is additional play equipment at the south end of the park along with two medium sized pavilions and two picnic areas that are available for reservation. Those looking for sports excitement can find it at Plymouth Park as well. The park boasts a large open field, appropriate for sports of all kinds, a sand volleyball pit and two baseball fields that are home to the Northeast Little League.



## 20 RIVERSIDE/GOLFSIDE PARK

Located off Currie Parkway at 502 Golfside between the Tittabawassee River and Currie Golf Course. Riverside Park features a boat launch for fishermen to access the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers. You can also launch your canoe and enjoy a relaxing scenic view of nature.

## 21 STRATFORD WOODS PARK

Located at 3922 East Ashman, along the eastern edge of Midland. Stratford Woods Park is situated around Kiwassee Lake, a small, man-made lake which provides an unsupervised sandy beach for swimming. Restrooms are available and open during park hours. Stratford Woods Park has four beach volleyball courts where leagues play during the summer months. Located on the west side of Kiwassee Lake is an undeveloped natural area with a small number of trails. The park offers one large picnic shelter with grills and tables that can be reserved. The park has a variety of play equipment and a large basketball court. The BMX bike track is also located at Stratford Woods Park.

## 22 THRUNE PARK

Located at 210 Revere between Main and Eastman. Thrun Park is an interactive learning play area that is fenced and gated - perfect for Midland's youngest residents. The park was reopened in 2011 after receiving a complete renovation, funded by the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation. Improvements include a new restroom facility, covered benches, redesigned accessible pathways, an upgraded water feature and new play features.



# NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

HILLGROVE PARK: Located on Sugnet, 1/4 mile east of Swede

HINTZ PARK: Located at the end of Willow Street, 1/4 mile south of Bay City Road.

HURON PARK: Located between Huntington and Hedgewood off of Saginaw

KAUFMAN PARK: Located centrally between Bloomfield, Brookfield, Foxcroft and Westbury

KENT PARK: Located between Kent and Walter Court off of Bay City Road

LALKWOOD PARK: Located on Lalkwood off of Schade, just south of Wackerly

LINCOLN PARK: Located on the corner of Lincoln and East Patrick, 1/4 mile east of Jefferson

LONGACRES PARK: Located on St. Andrews between Boston and Dartmouth

LOWELL PARK: Located at the end of Lowell Court off of East Sugnet, 1/4 mile west of Washington

MAC PARK: Located at the end of Mac, off of Saginaw, just east of Eastman

MANOR PARK: Located on Manor 1/4 mile west of Saginaw

MARYLAND PARK: Located centrally between Maryland, Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky

MEADOWBROOK PARK: Located at the end of Bristol off Crescent

NELSON PARK: Located on Nelson between Manor and West Ashman

NESKE PARK: Located centrally between Noeske, Manor and Nelson

OAK PARK: Located at the end of Oak off of Sugnet, 1/4 mile east of Jefferson

OTTAWA PARK: Located on the corner of Ottawa and East Meadowbrook, just east of Jefferson

PARKDALE PARK: Located across from the former Parkdale Elementary School on the corner of Swede and Airfield

PARKWOOD PARK: Located on Colorado off of Swede, just north of East Patrick

PUTNAM PARK: Located centrally between Ellsworth, George and Cronkright

REVERE PARK: Located across from the Currie Parkway Bridge at the corner of Revere and Main

RIVER BEND PARK: Located along the Tittabawassee River west of the City limits

RUSSEL PARK: Located on Sylvan, 1/2 mile east of Eastman

## 12 GROVE PARK

Located at 205 East Grove centrally located between Rodd, West Ashman, Hines and Grove. Grove Park comprises 5.2 acres of open area for play. A basketball court, a soccer field and play equipment are all frequented by neighborhood children. For our passive visitors, Grove Park is a wonderful place for a picnic and features a beautiful gazebo, picnic tables, and benches.

## 13 NORTHWEST LITTLE LEAGUE COMPLEX

Located at 6801 Sturgeon, north of Airport Road and US-10. The Northwest Little League Complex is home to the Fraternal Northwest Little League. The fields are used exclusively by the Fraternal Northwest Little League.

## PERE MARQUETTE RAIL-TRAIL

The Pere Marquette Rail-Trail begins at the Farmer's Market in downtown Midland and extends 30 miles west to the city of Clare. Located on the former CSX railway right-of-way, the Rail-Trail is perfect for most non-motorized activities. Along the trail, you can access village, city and county parks, enjoy views from the former railway bridges and visit the communities of Midland, Sanford, Coleman and Clare.

## 14 REDCOATS COMPLEX

Located at 605 Whitman off St. Charles from Poseyville, 1/2 mile south of the Tittabawassee River. Anyone looking for an evening full of softball fun should take a trip down to the Redcoats Complex during the summer months. The park, which hosts nine softball fields, is a showcase for players of all different talent levels. Restrooms and play equipment are available.

## 15 SUNRISE OPTIMIST PARK

Located at 821 Waldo, 1/4 mile south of Patrick. Sunrise Optimist Park is the most popular place in the city for girls' softball games. In addition to the four softball fields, this 12 acre park has play equipment, a covered pavilion, restrooms and picnic tables.

## 16 TRILOGY SKATE PARK

Located at 101 Golfside in the northwest corner of Chippewassee Park. This 15,000 square-foot facility offers the latest in outdoor fun for both skateboarders and in-line skaters. Helmets and other safety gear are recommended. The Trilogy Skate Park is open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Lighting is provided for evening skating. Bicycles are not permitted inside the fenced area of the Trilogy Skate Park at any time.



SHIPPS FAMILY PARK: Located at the division of Wheeler and Saginaw, just west of Eastman

SIEBERT PARK: Located adjacent to Siebert Elementary on Siebert

ST. MARY'S PARK: Located adjacent to Woodcrest Elementary at the corner of St. Mary's and Drake, 1/4 mile north of Saginaw

STURGEON CREEK PARK: Located along Sturgeon Creek Parkway, 1/4 mile north of Saginaw

SUNSET PARK: Located at the end of Sherwood off of Crescent, just west of Saginaw

THEIS PARK: Located between Bradley and Haley

TOWSLEY DIKE PARK: Located along the west bank of the Tittabawassee River on Towsley River

VALLEY PARK: Located south of the MidMichigan Medical Center on Sugnet, 1/4 mile west of Orchard

VIRGINIA PARK: Located on Virginia, off of Eastlawn, just east of Washington

WALLEN PARK: Located centrally between Swede, Sugnet and Kentwood

WASHINGTON WOODS PARK: Located adjacent to Washington Woods Senior Housing Complex on the corner of Washington and Cambridge

WYLLYS PARK: Located on the corner of Airfield and Washington, just south of East Ashman

WYNDEMERE PARK: Located centrally between Meadowbrook, Castle and Linwood

